# Treasuring the Church

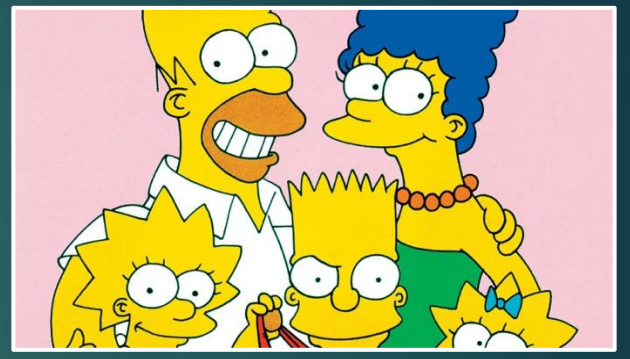
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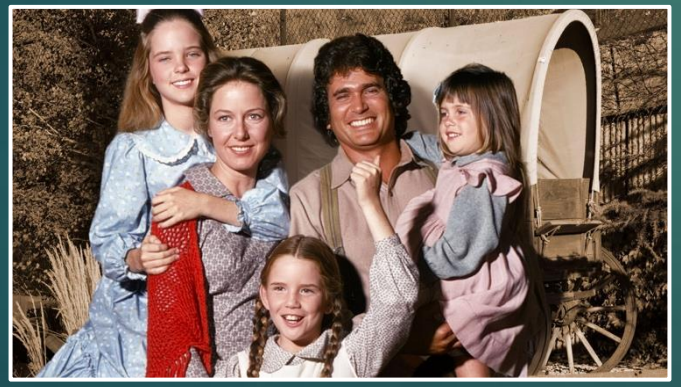
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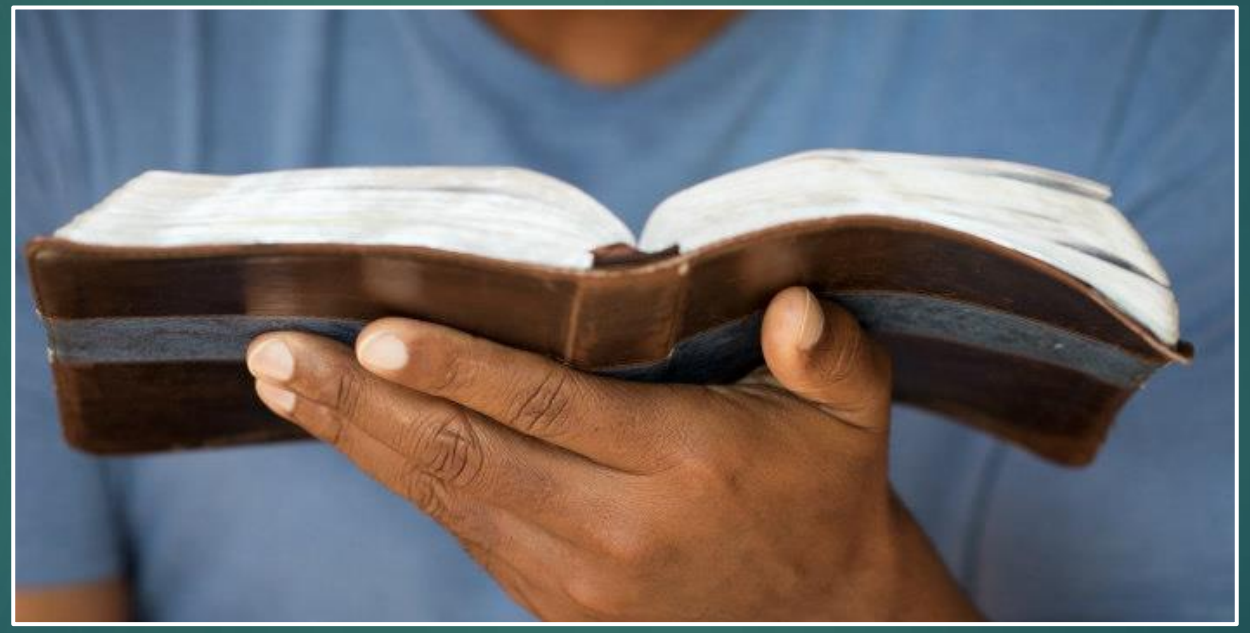
# Here's Our Covenant Statement

"We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay."

# Why Does This Matter?



# Colossians 3:12-17

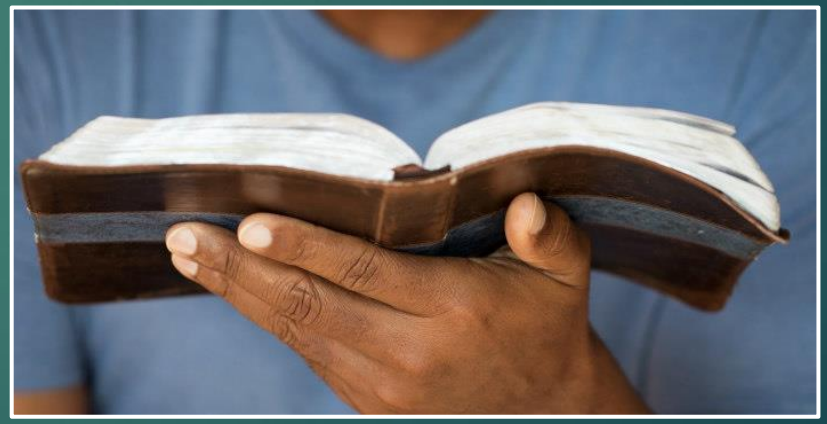


# 5 Directives to Follow

- Remember who you are.
- Act like you're God's children.
- Stuff yourself with God's Word.
- Build up one another in the truth of God's Word.
- Live for the glory and honor of the Lord Jesus.

# First …

- Remember who you are.  12a



# Colossians 3:12a

**12** So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, (NASB)

# 1 Corinthians 1:26-30

**26** For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you
were wise according to worldly standards, not many
were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27** But God
chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God
chose what is weak in the world to shame the
strong; **28** God chose what is low and despised in the
world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things
that are, **29** so that no human being might boast in the
presence of God. (ESV)

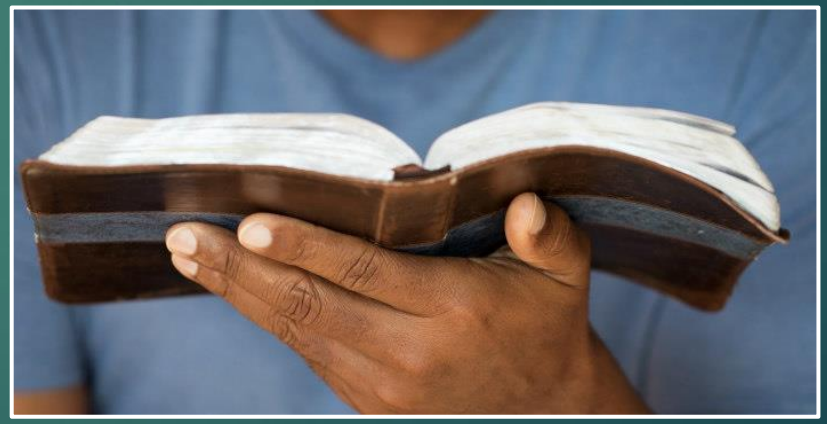
# 1 John 3:2-3

2 Beloved, we are God's children now (Positional), and what we will be has not yet appeared (Progressive); but we know that when he appears we shall be like him (Ultimate), because we shall see him as he is.

3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (NIV)

# Second …

- Act like you're God's Children.  12-15



# Colossians 3:12-15

**12** So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; **13** bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. **14** Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity. **15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. (NASB)

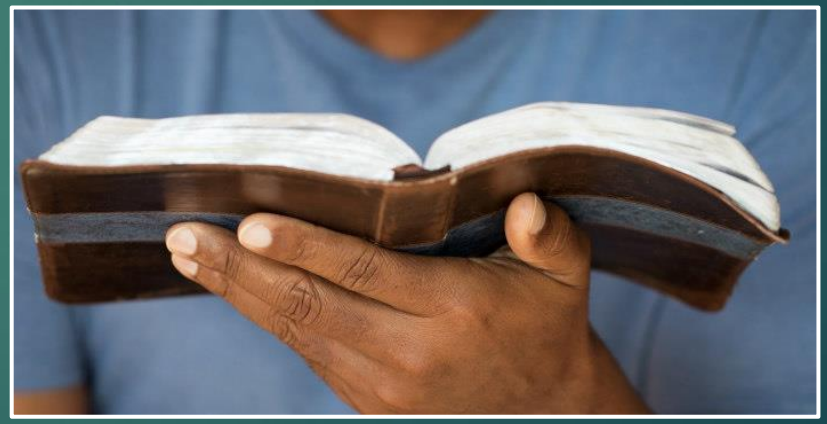
# What Kind of People Are We?

- Tender-Hearted
- Kind
- Humble
- Gentle
- Patient
- Forbearing
- Forgiving
- Loving
- United
- Peace-Seeking
- Thankful



# Third …

- Stuff yourself with God's Word.  16a

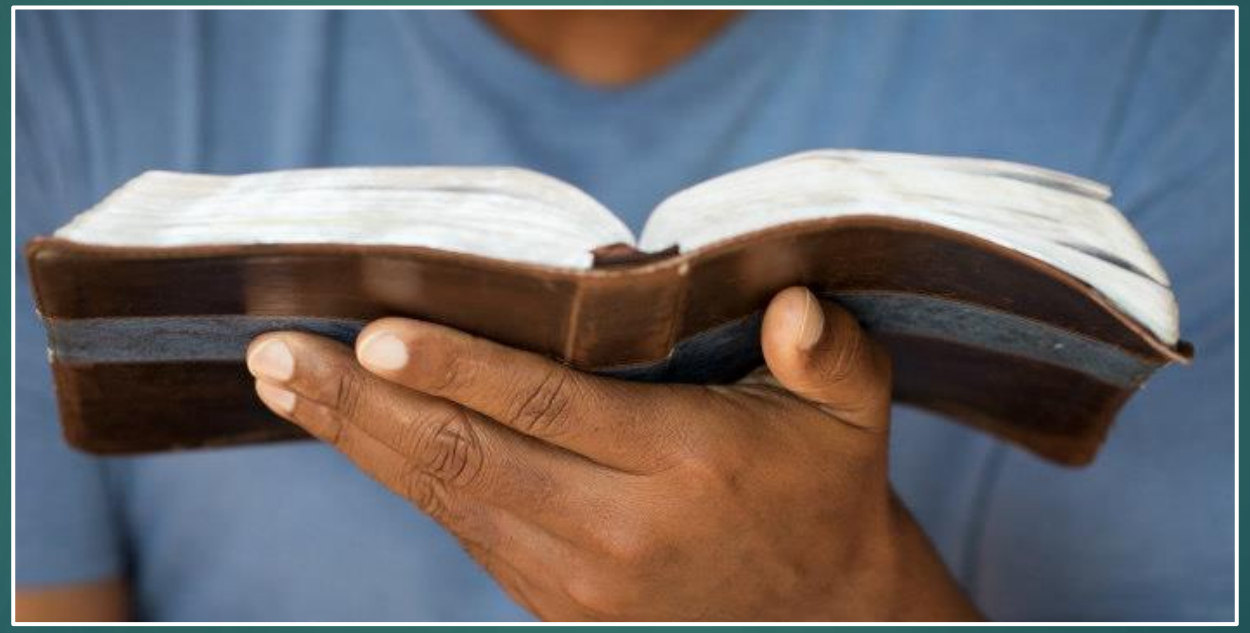


# Colossians 3:16a

16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, (NASB)

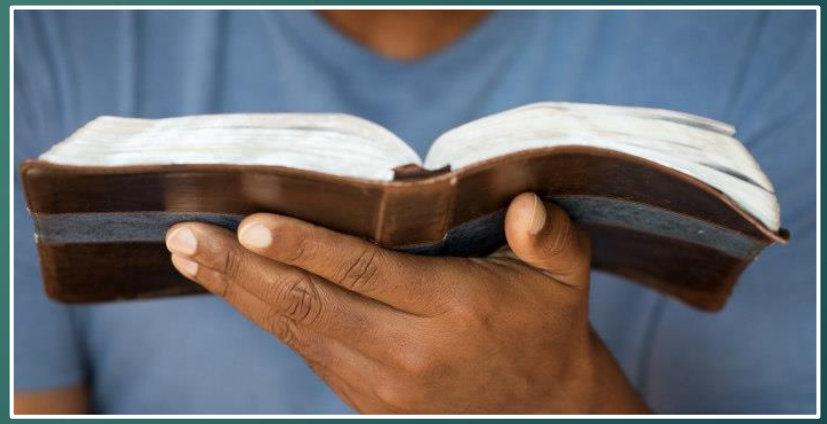


# Psalm 19:7-11



# Fourth …

- Build up one another in the truth of God's Word. 16



# Colossians 3:16

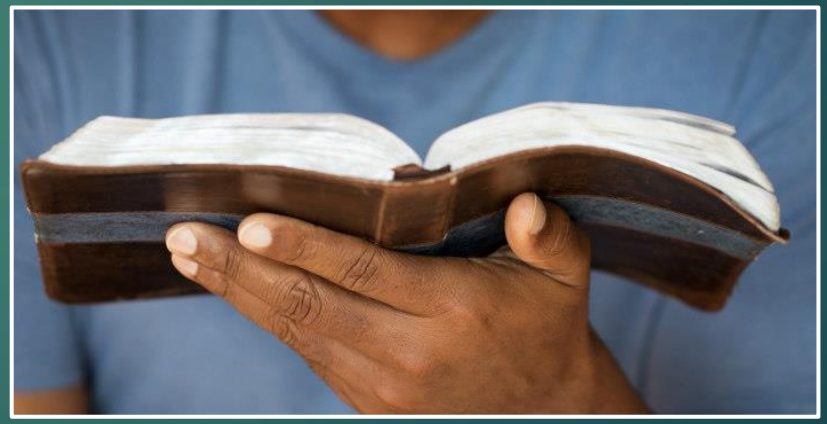
**16** Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom (wisdom rooted in God's Word) teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns *and and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (NASB)

# I’m on a Mission!



# Fifth …

- Live for the glory and honor of the Lord Jesus.  17



# Colossians 3:17

**17** Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. (NASB)

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# Our Final Covenant Statement

"We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word."

# Treasuring the Church

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